

APPENDIX 1
DENTON ATTITUDE SURVEY

1. What is the general appearance of Denton?
 EXCELLENT 17 GOOD 30 FAIR 10 POOR
2. What is the general appearance of the business district?
 EXCELLENT 5 GOOD 19 FAIR 33 POOR
3. Are you in favor of attracting new business to Denton?
50 YES 5 NO
4. Are you in favor of attracting new industry to Denton?
33 YES 20 NO
5. Do you think parking in the business district is adequate?
51 YES 6 NO; If NO, Why _____
6. How adequate are local parks and recreation areas? (size, proper equipment and facilities, maintenance, etc.)
2 EXCELLENT 10 GOOD 26 FAIR 15 POOR
7. How well does the community provide year-round recreation programs?
1 EXCELLENT 5 GOOD 19 FAIR 28 POOR
8. How would you rank the effectiveness of the law enforcement?
 EXCELLENT 11 GOOD 18 FAIR 24 POOR
9. Are you willing to participate in community improvement programs?
48 YES 2 NO
10. What percent of your shopping would you estimate that you do in the following communities?
LINCOLN 31 MOST 11 ABOUT HALF VERY LITTLE
CRETE 4 MOST 14 ABOUT HALF 13 VERY LITTLE
OTHER MOST ABOUT HALF 11 VERY LITTLE
11. How many members of your household work outside the home?
If so, where? 8 DENTON 2 CRETE 59 DOWNTOWN LINCOLN
30 OTHER LINCOLN LOCATION 2 FARM 1 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
12. How important do you feel each of the following items is in your choosing Denton as your home?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>
a. General appearance	<u>16</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>
b. Near relatives and/or friends	<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>
c. Cost of living	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>
d. Have always lived here	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>19</u>
e. Close to nature	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>5</u>
f. Close to work	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
g. Freedom from heavy traffic	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
h. Fewer governmental restrictions	<u>25</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
i. Cleaner air	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>	
j. Friendliness and peacefulness	<u>31</u>	<u>13</u>	
k. Taxes	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>6</u>
l. Other (Specify)			

13. How serious do you consider each of the following problems in Denton area:

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>
a. Weeds	<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>
b. Dead trees	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>
c. Solid waste disposal	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
d. Roadside litter	<u>30</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>
e. Deteriorating buildings	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>
f. Unsightly vacant lots	<u>33</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
g. Dogs running loose	<u>38</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
h. Vandalism	<u>29</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
i. Motorcycles	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
j. Mini-bikes	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
k. Speeding autos	<u>38</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
l. Medical care availability	<u>27</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>
m. Other (Specify) _____	_____	_____	_____

14. Which type residence would you prefer to live in?

51 Single family house
1 Small apartment house or duplex
 _____ Large apartment house
1 Mobile home
 _____ Other (Specify) _____

15. a. What would be a desirable lot size for any new single family housing development? (width) x (depth)

1 10 13 15
 width (circle): 50, 60, 75, 100, other (specify) _____
 depth (circle): 100, 120, 150, other (specify) _____

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 b. Should Denton adopt minimum lot size standards for new housing development? 36 YES 13 NO

c. If YES, what would be an acceptable absolute minimum for new single family housing development? (width) x (depth)

11 7 15 8
 width (circle): 50, 60, 75, 100, other (specify) 80'
 depth (circle): 100, 120, 150, other (specify) _____
2 16 14

16. To what degree do you consider the following items to be housing problems in the area?

	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>No Problem</u>
a. Lack of available housing	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>
b. Lack of available land	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>
c. Choice of housing types	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
d. Cost or rents are too high	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
e. Household incomes too low	<u>8</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>
f. Poor construction quality	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>
g. Not enough apartment units	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>
h. Deterioration of older housing	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
i. Not enough low income housing	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>
j. Too much low income housing	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>
k. Other (Specify) _____	_____	_____	_____

17. Where do you feel future single-wide mobile homes should be located (check one)?

18 On any vacant lot (mixed with conventional homes)
38 Only in mobile home courts

18. To what degree do you favor each of the following items as desirable characteristics of residential neighborhoods?

	<u>Favor Large Amount</u>	<u>Favor Some</u>	<u>Oppose Any</u>
a. Mixture of housing types (i.e. single family, duplex, apt.)	<u>8</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5</u>
b. Mixture of housing costs or rents	<u>7</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5</u>
c. Mixture of income groups	<u>7</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>
d. Mixture of service uses	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>
e. Mixture of office uses	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>
f. Mixture of retail uses	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
g. Mixture of industrial uses	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

19. A family "just starting out" should be permitted to live in a trailer or mobile home in any residential area if that is all they can afford. 32 AGREE 23 DISAGREE

20. Below is a list of services which generally require taxes for development and maintenance. Should we spend more, less or about the same as in past years?

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Same</u>
a. Provide recreation programs	<u>31</u>		<u>17</u>
b. Building better parks	<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>
c. Improve present parks	<u>27</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
d. Provide community recreation center	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
e. Eliminate community eyesores	<u>33</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
f. Improve fire/rescue protection	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22</u>
g. Help finance low-income housing	<u>11</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>
h. Develop an industrial site	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
i. Improve sanitary sewer systems	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>
j. Improve water systems	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>24</u>
k. Support pollution abatement	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18</u>
l. Improve law enforcement	<u>32</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
m. Pave streets	<u>29</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
n. Maintain streets	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>22</u>
o. Provide street lighting	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>
p. Improve rescue protection	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26</u>
q. Improved garbage collection	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>31</u>
r. Improve snow removal	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>
s. Planting street trees	<u>23</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>
t. Bus service to Lincoln	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
u. Sidewalks	<u>26</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
v. Storm drainage	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>

21. What recreational or entertainment facilities would you like to have? Tennis court (mentioned 10 times), recreation for young (5), swimming pool (4), basketball court (4), bowling alley (2), bingo (2) over 60 club, another restaurant, gym, volleyball court, restrooms, picnic tables, purchase of schoolhouse with playground & ballpark is sufficient, and association to operate schoolhouse as community center, flowers & trees, churches and legion provide some recreation.

22. What three things should the town go to work on now to improve itself?
1st: Physical appearance (mentioned 15 times) such as clean up vacant lots & remove junk cars.
2nd: Lawlessness & law enforcement (10 times) such as vandalism by youth, speeding, town marshall & parental control over children.
3rd: Street maintenance (6) such as paving, grading & snow removal.
4th: Attract new development (5) such as grocery store & housing.
5th: Control of animals (3).
6th: Water system (2) & Planning for new development (2).
23. How many years have you lived in the Denton area? 19.5 years or less, 4 6 to 10 years, 12 11 to 20 years, 23 over 21 years
24. Do you live in Denton or the rural area surrounding Denton?
48 Denton 8 Denton area
25. Which would you rather do (check one)?
48 Remain in your present residence
4 Move to another residence in Denton area
4 Move away from Denton area
26. Do you think the people of Denton, for the most part, are friendly and hospitable towards strangers and newcomers?
43 YES 11 NO
27. What do you think the population of Denton will be 25 years from now? (population: 94 in 1960 Federal census; 151 in 1970 Federal census; current local estimate is 175.)
1 150 or less; 8 150-200, 19 200-300, 11 300-500, 7 500 or mor
28. What do you want the population of Denton to be 25 years from now?
1 150 or less, 10 150-200, 16 200-300, 9 300-500, 7 500 or mor
29. What are the approximate ages of members of your household? (indicate number in each of following are categories)
61 under 25 40 25-44 23 45-64 10 over 65
30. The proximity of Denton to a metropolitan city (Lincoln) gives rise to certain problems and opportunities. With this in mind, please express your opinions on the following questions.
- a. To what extent should Denton integrate its future with Lincoln, Lancaster County and other communities?
Predominant opinion was not to "integrate" with Lincoln. Specific comments included: "As little as possible-left city to get away from congestion and hassle" and "Cooperate fully on necessary matters but remain independent village."
- b. In what ways should Denton try to develop, exclusive of Lincoln, Lancaster County and other communities?
Predominate feeling was that Denton should expand commercial and other services to better meet area residents needs. The desire for a grocery store was mentioned, 6 times. Specific comments included: "Be unique and creative in solving problems" and "Develop to serve Denton people and surrounding areas and make it more than just another "bedroom town"."
31. Additional comments: _____